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Iowa Corn and Soybean Forecast

Corn: Iowa's corn planted and harvested for grain acreage is estimated at 14.2 million and 13.8 million acres, respectively. As of August 1, Iowa's corn crop is forecast to yield 177 bushels per acre. Production is forecast at 2.43 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the 2009 record high production.

Corn planted acres rose in all districts with the northwest, north central, west central, and central districts each increasing over 100,000 acres. Only northwest Iowa's yield forecast is lower than 2010, while south central and southeast Iowa yields are forecast to increase over 40 percent from last year's disappointing yields.

Soybeans: Iowa farmers planted 9.2 million acres of soybeans and plan to harvest 9.11 million acres. The August 1 yield forecast of 52.0 bushels per acre is up 1 bushel per acre from 2010. Soybean production would be 474 million bushels, down 5 percent from last year's production of 496 million bushels.

Soybean acres to be harvested decreased in all nine districts. West central and southwest Iowa showed the largest percentage decreases with a combination of decreased plantings and Missouri River flooding. Southwest and south central Iowa are the only districts currently forecast with smaller yields than 2010.

Reminder: All crop forecasts in this report are based on conditions on August 1 and do not reflect weather effects since that time. The next district corn and soybean production forecasts, based on conditions as of September 1, will be released on September 12.

Corn, 2010-2011

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,920	2,045	184.7	184.0	354,600	376,240
NC	1,870	2,030	175.6	184.0	328,300	373,480
NE	1,590	1,575	175.9	188.0	279,700	296,070
WC	1,975	2,070	172.1	179.0	339,800	370,490
C	1,925	2,060	167.5	182.0	322,400	374,880
EC	1,375	1,435	165.3	173.0	227,300	248,230
SW	1,015	1,045	151.9	161.0	154,200	168,230
SC	510	555	98.0	143.0	50,000	79,350
SE	870	935	111.4	157.0	96,950	146,780
State	13,050	13,750	165.0	177.0	2,153,250	2,433,750

¹ Harvested for grain ² Yield rounded

Soybeans, 2010-2011

District	Harvested		Yield/acre		Production	
	2010	2011 ¹	2010	2011 ²	2010	2011
	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>	<i>Thousand Bushels</i>
NW	1,605	1,508	52.7	55.0	84,540	82,900
NC	1,285	1,208	50.8	51.5	65,245	62,200
NE	790	749	53.5	53.5	42,245	40,000
WC	1,515	1,373	51.9	52.0	78,590	71,300
C	1,395	1,313	51.2	54.0	71,390	70,900
EC	905	848	52.0	54.0	47,035	45,700
SW	960	890	49.8	48.5	47,785	43,000
SC	550	534	45.3	45.0	24,905	24,120
SE	725	687	47.6	49.0	34,495	33,600
State	9,730	9,110	51.0	52.0	496,230	473,720